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SUGGESTED BY A SUMMER EVENING'S VISIT TO A FAMILIAR SPOT OF NORTH MOUNTAIN.

I love to climb the mountain's rugged crest
At eventide, in happy summer time,
When from the golden chambers of the West
Sweet zephyrs come, and chant in runic rhyme
To graceful pines that nod their plumes,—and sigh
Like mournful voices of the years gone by.

How sweet, at such an hour, from some high steep
To gaze upon the landscape spread below,
To watch the darkling shadows as they creep
And twine around the distant river's flow;
Till darkness shrouds the eastern mountain wall
And God's star spangled banner floats o'er all.

'Tis sweet to hear at such an holy hour,
The Vesper hymn that Mother Nature sings,
When pines and peaks and every fount and flow'r
Are gently fann'd by unseen spirit wings;
While all proclaim in harmonies divine
That earth and all its fullness, Lord, are Thine.

Surrounded thus, 'tis sweet to look above
And scan the splendors of the upper sky;
To dream of Immortality and Love,
And all fair things, that never fade or die;
To paint fair pictures of that upper clime
Where spirits walk the hills of light sublime.

Thou hast some treasures in that better land,
And some of mine are there; perhaps, to-night,
Thy loved and mine are walking hand to hand
Adown the meadow lawns of pure delight;
Whilst we, poor mortals, climb the mountain's brow,
And through a glass discern but darkly now.

And yet, dear Barb, I cannot help but think
This spot is holy ground whereon we stand;
For here my soul hath had immortal drink
Pressed to our lips, by some fair spirit hand,—
A glorious foretaste of that Fount above,
Whose waters glad the golden courts of Love.

And, hence, I love to climb the mountain's crest
At dewy eve, in happy summer time,
When from the golden chambers of the West
Sweet zephyrs come and chant in runic rhyme;
While each bright golden orb that burns on high
Proclaims a gladsome future by-and by.

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS.

"I'm afraid, sir, we cannot make a satisfactory piece of work unless we tear down the whole mantlepiece. You see it has been loose for years. There is a wide crack at the back that must have been there a long time."

Herbert Payne looked ruefully at his table of papers, his large book-case, his pictures, busts and gimcracks that made his handsome library the one room in the large house that seemed truly like home to him.

"Very well," he said "only be sure you put it up this time so that there will be no further annoyance."

Then Herbert Payne fled from the confusion to come, and took a trip of two weeks, absolutely without end or aim, excepting the escape from his disordered library.

Mrs. Beach, his housekeeper, took care that none of his treasures were injured, and when he returned there was no trace of the invaders, save that the falling mantelpiece was carefully and firmly reset.

But upon this table a sealed envelope, yellow with age, and directed in a pretty lady-like hand to "Mr. Herbert Payne."

Every shade of color left the middle-age bachelor as he saw this epistle. His hand, stretched out to grasp it, trembling so violently he drew it back. Mrs. Beach was within call, and he controlled his emotion to ask:

"How came this letter here?"

"The men found it behind the mantelpiece, sir. It must have slipped down the big crack."

He shut the door then and bolted it.

No careless, curious eyes should watch him when he read the letter that had been hidden thirteen years behind the mantelpiece.

Before he touched it he unlocked a writing desk, evidently seldom used, and took from it a miniture picture of a lovely girl of eighteen or nineteen, with large, brown eyes and waving golden hair.

A face full of sweetness looked out from the cold ivory, and the eyes of the strong man grew dim with tears as he looked upon it.

For he had loved her.

Not with the wild, unstable love of youth, but when he was a man past thirty, who had faced trouble and temptation, and conquered both.

He had met her first when she was the comfort of an invalid father, and he had been won first to love her by watching her sweet patience with the irritable old man, who kept her constantly busy in his service.

Later, when they are friends, Herbert learned that Mr. Morrison, the fretful sufferer, was a very wealthy man, and that Leda was his only child.

Being himself a man of fortune, Herbert Payne heeded but little the fact that Leda was probably an heiress, but he found his whole heart going out to her as they grew better friends.

Every day he loved her better, till he was assured of her love in return, when he sought her father's consent to take her to his heart and home, his loved, honored wife.

And Mr. Morrison's plea was this:

"I can not spare her yet. When I tell you her story you may not care to marry her, but if you still love her spare her to me a few months longer. I may not—cannot live over another spring, even in this soft climate, but when I die Leda will inherit all my fortune, though she is not my child. I told you she had a history.

"When my wife had been married but two years our first child was born and died in an hour."

"Leda—my wife Leda—was delirious, calling constantly for her babe, and the doctor said it was life or death with her to have a child. So we took the babe, who has to be the comfort of my life, from a foundling asylum. I have no idea who she is nor what was her parentage, but from that hour she lay in my wife's arms, and the pressure of her tiny fingers calmed the wild excitement of the brain, and she has been to us our child.

"We never were blessed with one of our own again, and all the love that was in our hearts for children was lavished upon Leda. She was ten years old when her adopted mother died, but she knew nothing then, and knows nothing now, of the secret of her birth. Only two other persons besides myself knew of it, my brother and my nephew, who will be my heirs if I leave no will.

"But I promise you to make a will before I die, and leave Leda independent. You—you do not look as if this story had shaken your love."

"Nor has it. Leda will ever be to me the one woman I love, and I care nothing for her obscure origin, nothing for her fortune. Rich or poor, she will ever be the same to me."

"But your love will not urge her to leave me yet—not until spring? 'Tis but a few months, but it is all my life."

"I will not ask her to leave you," Herbert said, deeply moved by the pathos of those last words; "but let me speak to her, win her consent to be my wife if I can, and have the right to return here to comfort her at the time you fear you must leave her in sorrow and loneliness."

"Yes, yet; but must you go?"

"I must. I am here only on business, and I must return to my home at once. But, if you wish it, I will return in March."

"I do wish it."

Little doubting his success—for while Leda was never unmaidenly, she had never quite concealed her shy, pure love—Herbert wooed and won the maiden he sought for his wife.

They were to correspond regularly, and in March Herbert was to return and remain with the Morrisons.

He was filled with new, deep happiness as he journeyed homeward, and every tender, loving letter from Leda added to his content.

January was over, when the letters ceased.

He waited a reasonable time, then he wrote.

No answer.

Hastening at once to the house, Herbert found it closed and deserted.

The agent, whose address was on the placard announcing the house "To Let," could give no information except that he received his orders to let the house from Mr. Morrison, the brother of the former owner. He was not at the funeral himself, did not know anything about Miss Leda, could give the address of the late Mr. Morrison's lawyer, and knew that the surviving brother and his son were traveling.

At the lawyer's the news was crushing. Mr. Morrison had died without a will, and the entire property had passed into the hands of the heir-at-law, his brother.

"He was superstitious," the old lawyer said, "fancying that it would hasten his death to make a will. Foolish? Well, yes, but not uncommon. Miss Leda remained a week, but I don't know what became of her then. The brother was very unkind, one might say brutal, for he had been jealous of her for years, and understood perfectly well that it was only because of his brother's neglect that she was left penniless instead of inheriting the most of the estate. If I hear of her I will let you know certainly."

But thirteen long, weary years passed by, and no word of Leda reached the faithful heart waiting and hoping to have the long looked for tidings.

No other face had ever taken the place in Herbert's heart that Leda's face filled.

No other love ever drove out this one strong love of his life, and when he looked upon the parting gift of his darling every throb of his heart was as truly hers as it had been when he bade her farewell and tenderly kissed away her falling tears.

It was many minutes before he could control his agitation sufficient to open the letter.

The date was that of the day previous to that of Mr. Morrison's funeral.

When at last he opened and read it, tears had no shame to Herbert Payne's manhood, and coursed down his cheeks.

In humble words Leda told him frankly the story already familiar to him and her own penniless condition.

"You may not care to claim a wife who knows nothing of her birth," she wrote; "who stands now utterly alone, a beggar. But if—as my heart still whispers hopefully—you still love me, you will find me here a week longer.—If you do not come I shall know you despise me for my involuntary deceit, and I shall accept a position offered me by an old friend as a governess to her children."

"Oh, my darling, my forsaken darling!" Herbert whispered, "where are you? Sorrowing for your wasted love. Despising your lover who deserted you in sorrow and loneliness! It is too bitter!"

But calmer thoughts came at last, and after a long deliberation Herbert decided upon one more effort to gain tidings of his lost love.

In every city for a week one leading newspaper contained this advertisement:

"Leda:—The letter written thirteen years ago has just reached me. Write again.
H."

Waiting, endured for so many years, became torture after this notice appeared, and once again Herbert Payne resigned himself to a future uncheered by loving companship.

Had he possessed Asmodeus's power he might have been wafted to a home in Paris, where a sweet-faced woman, lovelier in her gentle maturity than even in her girlish bloom, was teaching a class of girls the hard words of the English language.

Accepting the position offered her by her old friend, and refusing the assistance proffered grudgingly by her adopted father's brother, Leda Morrison had traveled with the children under her charge for nearly six years.

Then, finding herself in Paris and able to gather a class of pupils for English, she had decided not to return to her old home.

It was some weeks after the discovery of the long lost letter and the class of girls were improving their English accent by reading from a newspaper, when one slowly and hesitatingly read:

"Leda:—The letter written thirteen years ago has just reached me. Write again.
H."

In a moment Leda, white and trembling, was eagerly scanning the lines.

Leda! It was an odd name.

Could there be another Leda who had risked her whole life's happiness thirteen long years ago in a letter to "H?"

Were there two Herberts? If it should be—if it should be?

The young ladies wondered at the perfect impunity with which they murdered the English language during the remainder of the class hour, but none guessed the tumult of hope and fear in the heart of their pale, gentle teacher—none saw her, when she was last alone, write a few words only:

"If it is indeed Herbert who has put the inclosed advertisement in the paper, he will find me at No. 28 Rue Mont, Paris. Ever his faithful, loving betrothed. LEDA."

Then she put the advertisement into the letter, sealed and directed it, and sent it over the sea to the anxious lover waiting and praying for tidings.

The English classes were never neglected; the comfort of the aged widow who was Leda's companion was never forgotten, the daily duties of life were conscientiously performed, but it seem to Leda as if her whole life concentrated upon the arrival of the mails after there was a possibility of receiving an answer to her short note

She grew pale with restlessness at night when the dream of her youth came again to keep her wakeful.

All the old love, the old hope, the long-ago-conquered despair and pain came back to haunt her as she waited with renewed hope for tidings.

"I am growing old and worn," she said one day, looking at her pale face in the mirror; 'I am not the blooming girl Herbert loved, but a careworn, pallid woman."

And her her own sad eyes could not see the rare beauty of the sweet face.

But, still thinking of her love, she twisted her hair in a heavy coronet over her shapely head, and upon one side put a knot of blue ribbons.

"Herbert liked it so," she thought.

Then she pinned blue ribbons over her gray dress under a soft lace collar, and put on a brooch her adopted father had given her, which was a favorite with Herbert.

And thinking sadly of the change years had made, she was summoned to her sitting-room to meet a grave middle-aged man, changed also, until upon his lips and in his eyes she read his constancy and answered it by her own

Years rolled back as these two, faithful through all, met at last to know their hearts still young, their love still true, as it was in those days when cruel fate separated them by so small an agent as a crack in the wall behind a mantelpiece.

Mark Twain on Chambermaids.

Against all chambermaids of whatsoever age or nationality I launch the curse of Bachelordom.

Because:

They always put the pillows on the opposite end of the bed from the gas-burner, so that, while you read and smoke before sleeping (as is the ancient and honorable custom among bachelors,) you have to hold your book aloft, in an uncomfortable position to keep the light from dazzling your eyes.

If they cannot get the light in an uncomfortable position any other way they move the bed.

If you pull your trunk out six inches from the wall, so that the lid will stay up when you open it, they always shove that trunk back again. They do it on purpose.

They also put your boots into inaccessible places. They chiefly enjoy depositing them as far under the bed as possible. It is because this compels you to get down in an undignified manner and make wild sweeps for them in the dark with the boot jack, and swear.

They always put the match-box in some other place. They hunt up a new place for it every day, and put a bottle or some other perishable glass thing where the box stood before. This is to cause you to break that glass thing groping about in the dark, and get yourself into trouble.

They are forever moving the furniture. When you come in in the night you may calculate finding a bureau wher the wardrobe was in the morning. And when you come in at midnight, or thereabouts, you will fall over the rocking chair, and you will proceed toward the window and sit down in the slop-tub. This will disgust you. They like that.

No matter where you put anything they won't let it stay there. They will take it and move it the first chance they get.

They always save up old scraps of printed rubbish you throw on the floor and stick them up carefully on the table, and then start the fire with your valuable manuscripts.

And they use more hair oil than any six men.

They keep always coming to make your bed before you get up, thus destroying your rest and inflicting agony upon you, but after you get up they don't come any more till the next day.

A scientific Benedict was told that Congress was considering the question of the property of married women. He immediately replied that there was no question about it. The chief property of married women was acidity.

Cake Which Was All Dough.

Maria Ann asked me to go over to a neighbor's and get a recipe for some newly-invented biscuit, and of course I had to go, although I had been convinced for some time that my talents do not run in a culinary direction. On my return she got out the bread-bowl and mixed the chemicals, while I called out:

Six tea-cups of flour; half pint of warm water; half a spoonful of sour milk, and two tea-cups of soda, dissolved in a little water.

That did not sound just right, but Maria made no sign, and she usually understands her business Then I could not for the life of me tell whether there ought to be half a spoonful of molasses and two cups of cream tartar, or half a spoonful of cream tartar and two tea-cups of molasses; but Maria was waiting, and I jumped at a conclusion.

It is too late to rectify the matter, but it would afford me some tender satisfaction to know whether I jumped too far, or not far enough.

I told her two cups of cream tartar, and when she mixed it in the trouble began.

I don't suppose any mining stock ever rose so fast as that dough did. It foamed around like another dam disaster. It rose above par, and above the edge of the bowl, and spread like a bad story about a minister.

Maria proved equal to the emergency. She grabbed that bowl, and called me a par boiled fool, and told me to open the wood-shed door, all at once like a spirit born to rule the storm.

It confuses me to have Maria come at me in that way, and if I opened the cellar door instead of the wood-shed door, it was by mistake, and without malicious intent on my part.

The public aught to give me credit for this, because even when the door was open I never noticed the mistake, and neither did Maria Ann.

She stepped off as firmly and confidently, and put her foot where the wood shed floor ought to have been, just as natural as anything; and if there had been anything there to step on, it would have been all right; but there wasn't.

When she discovered the discrepancy, she threw up her hands, and the bowl, and that foaming batter, filled the air like the beautiful snow in the poetry which so many people wrote.

I had sufficient presence of mind to notice that she struck every one of the steps on her way down, as also did the bread bowl, which followed her, and which made a centre shot at the back of her head, as she reached the cellar bottom.

I refer to this particularly, because some of the neighbors have intimated that I was scared, and a man who is scared does not notice trifles like that.

Then I laughed. I have been married eight-years—railroad time—yet I laughed. It was only a little small snicker between my fingers, but it had a very reviving effect on Maria Ann.

She was groaning at the foot of the stairs until she heard that snicker; then she got right up, and although she bumped on every step going down, she came up the first three at one jump.

I do not know how she came up the rest of the way, because I remembered that a man about a mile off somewhere might want to see me.

Punctuality is the soul of business! That is my motto; but, as a general thing, I prefer baker's bread to new-fangled biscuit.

I have been looking for that man for three days now. I look for him, as a rule, in places where it seems likely Maria Ann will not be looking for me. —*Exchange.*

De Garden ob Eden.

"Allus blow'n' about de wah in Europe whenever I comes around hear," remarked Brother Gardner yesterday to a colored crowd on the benches at the Central Market.

"It's a big war and I likes to keep posted," replied one who had been reading the news to the rest.

"Charles Henry, look dis way fur an hour or so," said the old man as he put down his whitewash brush. "Now, den, whar was de Garden ob Eden?"

"Wooph! what I know 'bout dat garden?"

"Dar it am; dar it am, Charles Henry!" exclaimed the old man as he wiped his bald head on his coat sleeve. "Here you is, whoopin' aroun' 'bout de Russian wah an' all dat, when you doan' know nuffin 'bout de history ob your own State! Dat's de way wid lots o' folks. Dey'll make de biggest kind o' fuss 'bout Europe, when, fur all dey know, some of de watermelons which growd in de Garden ob Eden kin be picked in de fence corners not six miles from dis market—purwided de night am dark 'nuff."

M. X—— is a widower. Since the time he lost his wife, whom he adored, five years ago, he has not left off looking every day at the locket containing the hair of his dear companion. Yesterday he had a visit from a friend at the moment when he was dyeing the lock of hair of the much-loved one. "What are you doing?" asked his friend "You see well enough I am dyeing this hair an ash-blonde, because this color is much worn now. I wish the hair of sainted Maria to be always in fashion.—*Paris Charivari.*

A young man sent sixty cents to a firm in Michigan who advertised a recipe to prevent bad dreams. He received a slip of paper on which was written, "Don't go to sleep."

A philosopher has extracted the following reply from a school boy to the query: "How is this land divided, my lad?" "By earthquakes, sir."

Recent Event at a Hotel.

"Who's there? There was no answer, and the queer noise stopped. "Anybody there?" No answer. "It must have been a spirit," he said to himself. I must be a medium. I will try. Aloud—If there is a spirit in this room it will signify the same by saying ay—no, that's not what I mean. If there is a spirit in this room, it will please rap three times." Three very distinct raps were given in the direction of the bureau. "Is it the spirit of my sister?" No answer. "Is it the spirit of my mother?" Three raps. "Are you happy?" Nine raps. "Do you want anything?" A succession of very loud raps. "Will you give me any communication if I get up?" No answer. "Shall I hear from you tomorrow?" Raps very loud in the direction of the door. "Shall I ever see you?" He waited long for his answer to his last question, but none came. The spirit had gone; and after thinking about the extraordinary visit, he turned over and went to asleep. On getting up in the morning he found that the spirit of his mother had carried off his watch and purse, his trousers, and his great coat down stairs in the hall!

Vulgar Words.

A distinguished author says; "I resolved when I was a child never to pronounce a word which I could not use before my mother without offending her." He kept his resolution, and became a pure-minded, noble, honorable gentleman. His rule and example are worthy of imitation. Boys readily learn a class of low, vulgar words and expressions, which are never heard in respectable circles. The utmost care on the part of parents will scarcely prevent it. Of course we cannot think of girls being so much exposed to the peril. We cannot imagine a decent girl using words she could not give utterance to before her father or mother.—Such vulgarity is thought by some boys to be 'smart,' the 'next thing to swearing,' and yet not so wicked." But it is a habit which leads to profanity, and fills the mind with evil thoughts. It vulgarizes and degrades the soul, and prepares the way for many of the gross and fearful sins which now corrupt society. Young reader keep your mouth free from all impurity, and your "tongue from evil," for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

A Fine Point of Etiquette.

The finest point to which etiquette may be carried was recently illustrated by our friend Hyacinth, who announced the possibility of his going to Greenwood on Decoration Day.

Hyacinth has a soldier brother buried in that cemetery, and Mrs. H. suggested that if he did go, he should provide himself with flowers to deck "dear Will's" grave.

Late in the day he returned.

"Did you go to Greenwood?" asked Mrs. Hyacinth.

"Yes."

"Well, I'm real sorry you went off without any flowers to put on Will's grave," said the kind-hearted little woman.

"Oh, never mind," said the complacent Hyacinth—"I left my visiting card."

Perhaps brother Will was just as well pleased with this delicate mark of attention.

A student, being desirous of learning whether there was any truth in the statement that Seneca was addicted to drunkenness, opened an illustrated encyclopedia, and, having found the name of the celebrated philosopher, the first object that met his gaze was a wood cut, beneath which were the words:—"Seneca, after an ancient bust," The ardent investigator, finding his worst fears confirmed, looked no further, but heaving a deep sigh at the frailty of the ancients, he laid aside the volume that had thus revealed to him the truth.

It is thought that Brigham Young ought to have recovered from his cholera morbus, but when it came to fighting with twenty-seven women, each one with a different kind of mustard plaster for her dear husband, and a new kind of herb tea, it was too much for him. Every women laid her plaster where there was room, and the prophet went down to his grave like a sandwich.—*Hawkeye.*

When a man goes home at three A. M., and tries to unlock the door with a toothpick, but finally crawls through the window, scratches a square rod of plastering from the wall in trying to strike a light with a nail, throws it down in disgust and asks blessings on all the matchmakers, and goes to bed in the dark with his boots on the pillows—is it conclusive evidence that he has been to a temperance meeting?

A gentleman of intelligence visited one of the public schools of Pittsburgh and complimented the scholars highly for their recitations, which he had listened to with pleasure, remarking that he had not heard so good a recitation for twenty years, and then he hesitatingly asked the teacher if it was in arithmatic or grammar.

Slavery—"Missis ses the milk's more than 'arf water, an' she'll 'ave to deal summweres else if 'tain't better."

Milkman—"Well, my dear, you must tell your missus that I'm very sorry; but them cows of mine will eat damp grass, and I can't perwent 'em this weather."

It was the old, old story—nigger and mule. A tail twisted—a funeral—that's all.

Webster and the Apple-Thief.

Many—many years ago, there lived a fine old gentleman whose name was Mr. Noah Webster. Though very simple and unassuming in his manners, yet he was not without his parts, for he could discount any schoolmaster in the country at spelling, and beat him two to one on definitions.

If Mr. Webster ever felt any pride over his numerous victories he never allowed himself to show it in conversation or otherwise; for, instead of loafing about the streets and blowing about his attainments, he remained at home and worked on his little farm—except when it rained; then he would go into a back room where he had a work-bench and some tools, and made spelling books, but he never was idle.

One day, as he was hammering away noisily at his bench, filling out a large bill of spellers for the Massachusetts Legislature, Mrs. Webster came to the door, and said:

"Noah, that child of sin, Arthur Kale, is in our apple tree again. Had thee not better go out and send him on his way in mortification of the spirit, and, if needs be, of the flesh?"

So Mr. Webster laid down his hammer, put on his hat, and started for the big apple tree back of the barn.

The youngster had got his pockets and shirt-bosom well filled with early harvest apples, and had slid part way down the tree, when he espied Mr. Webster close upon him.

Taking in the situation at a glance, he saw that escape for the present was impossible; so he started up the tree again, resolved to outwit the old gentleman by fair means or foul.

"Well—well!" said Mr. Webster.—"How's this? What did I tell you the other day? You must come down now, and give up those apples, or I will give you a flogging. (Definition: to beat, to strike, to shake up, to knock down, to put a head on.")

"I say, old chap, just whistle that for me, won't ver?" replied the urchin; and then pushing his tongue into his cheek, he gently raised up his left eye-lid, and anxiously inquired of Mr. Webster if just the faintest tinge of green could be discovered there.

"You little scallawag!" exclaimed Mr. Webster. "Do you pretend to have the cheek to buck against me right on my own grounds, and upon my own apple tree? If you can't come down by special request, I'll try the moral effect of grass."

So he pulled up a lot of grass, which he pressed into balls and threw them up in the tree. But this only made the young Arab laugh the louder; and he threw an apple-core at Mr. Webster, which struck him in the eye and pained him quite smartly.

"Hoity—toity!" exclaimed the old gentleman, in a towering rage, and dancing about. "Now, I'm right on—you bet! (Definition: to lay a wager, to put up the stamps, to do a thing for money or marbles, to rope a flat in on a sure thing, a put-up job."

And then pulling out a stout leather sling, he pelted the boy with rocks with such telling effect that he was fain to bawl out for mercy and forgiveness

"'Tis well," said Mr. Webster; "come down, give up the apples, and let this be a lasting lesson to you never again to steal. (Definition: to forage, to confiscate, to lift things, to hook a thing and get caught at it, to—") But by this time the boy had got out of hearing, so Mr. Webster wiped his brow, and went back to his work.

After having inspected a pile of calico in one of the stores, a somewhat rusty looking man remarked to the clerk before him:

"Credit must be given me—"

"No, sir—we don't trust," was the reply.

"I was going to remark that credit must be given me for—"

"We couldn't do it, sir. The rule applies to every one."

"Couldn't do what asked the man.

"Couldn't give you credit."

"You are very uncivil sir, very; but yet I will say before I go out of here that credit must be given me for being honest and impartial, when I say that I never saw three hitching posts look nicer than them out there. That's all, sir; and I wish I hadn't said that much."

Lean, lank stranger—"Why, look here; you charge me in my bill for a counterpane $6 50. Why, the mosquitoes ate up that counterpane, and why should I be charged with it?" Hotel Keeper—"Of course you should. If you had been nice and fat, the mosquitoes would have tackled you and left my counterpane alone

A Chicago lady, whose colored coachman is a curious specimen of his race lately observed to some friends that at times "the man was a perfect enigma, and all hands were not a little dumfoundered to hear the lady's youthful son break out with the exclamation "Why, of course he's a nig, ma, just see how black he is!"

An aged colored individual stepped into a store and asked how the thermometer stood. "One hundred and forty-nine degrees below zero?" replied one of the clerks. "Is dat a fax" exclaimed the old man; "den I've lost two dollars. I just made a bet it was a hundred and fifty."

An Onondaga county man has had his teeth pulled, to help him to stop chewing tobacco. This is on the principle in vogue among the Chinese where they cut off a boy's head to cure him of swearing.

A Sioux motto: "White man big smart—he furnish brains; red man heap brave—he knock 'em out."

OLD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

C. H. VANDERFORD, EDITOR.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 20, 1877.

STATE CONSERVATIVE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR:
F. W. M. HOLLIDAY, of Winchester.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR:
JAMES A. WALKER, of Pulaski Co.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL:
JAMES G. FIELD, of Culpeper.

EX-SENATOR LEWIS.

Ex-U. S. Senator, the Hon. John F. Lewis, at the call of numerous friends has yielded to the people and announces his willingness to serve in the House of Delegates if elected. Unfortunately for Mr. Lewis, he published a card on the 6th of September. The positions therein contained cannot be supported. He has struck a blow at his party when he said there was no Republican party in Virginia. Do Maj. Yost, Capt. Lurty, Dr. Points, Col. Gray, Mr. Douglass Gray, Mr Botts, Mr. A. L. Lindsey, and many other Republicans admit that they are not Republicans? Did they not all give a warm support to Gov. Hayes for President and Capt. Early for Congress? Did they not have committees in this and all other counties in the State? and did not the party to whom Mr. Lewis belongs, make every effort for the success everywhere?

Senator Lewis, in closing his article declining to become a candidate, used this language:

"By the use of money and with the help of a carpet bag governor, the infamous funding bill was passed."

That paragraph was fatal to Mr. Lewis. The Conservatives in the Legislature were divided concerning the passage of the Funding Bill, and every Radical vote, with the exception of one colored member, *voted for the measure*.

The *carpet-bag Governor* alluded to was ex-Gov. Gilbert C. Walker, upon whose ticket Mr. Lewis was elected Lieut. Governor. And the same Legislature that elected Mr. Lewis United States Senator, passed the Funding Bill, and his whole party in the Legislature at the time, with one exception, voted for that "infamous bill."

In another part of his letter Mr. Lewis remarks:

"Thousands of acres of good land are lying idle in Virginia because the owners have no capital to inclose and improve. Hundreds of our most industrious and energetic young men have gone to seek homes in a more prosperous country, and hundreds more are striving to get the means of leaving tax-ridden Virginia."

Yet Mr. Lewis denounces one from another State, with whom he canvassed, a *carpet bag Governor*. The way to "inclose and improve" the thousands of acres of idle lands, and make them productive and thereby increase the revenue of the State, is to seek immigration. Can that be done by calling them *carpet baggers?* Gov. Walker had lived in Virginia some time before he asked honors at the hands of Mr. Lewis' party, (or perhaps he was sought as a proper candidate,) and had invested his means here. We have never been an admirer of Gov. Walker, but we will hazard that Mr. Lewis many a time praised him as a patriotic citizen and that Virginia, under his wise government, would prosper. We do not make this statement, but upon the supposition that candidates on the same State ticket are generally in accord and sound each others' praises.

If Mr. Lewis did ever say that Virginia could be redeemed under Gov. Walker's administration, he was correct. He went to the United States Senate and voted with the extreme Radical haters of the South, whilst Mr. Walker remained at his post and saved Virginia from ruin.

Mr. Lewis is beliked by all who know him. He is a polite and generous gentleman and a good farmer, but as a states man he is not a success. His record from the beginning of his political life until to day is assailable from a Democratic stand-point. Rockingham is Democratic, and surely no one calling himself a Democrat will vote for him; and we have heard some Republicans say that they could not support him. Senator, Salt River is your destination.

A SUGGESTION.

Every aspirant for legislative honors offers his services from purely patriotic motives. None want the salary; all act from patriotism. Their hearts bleed for the old Commonwealth.

Patriotic, then, we suggest that the members of the legislature drink out their salaries. Every member who takes a drink will give to the State two and a half cents. He will be able to pay ten cents on a dollar, and on $540, his salary, the sum of $54. There will be 168 members, and the revenue derived from the Legislature will amount to $9,072,00. When each drink is taken the bell will ring a musical reminder of the patriotism of the drinker.

If the Legislature which passed "the infamous Funding Bill" was such a body that could be bought and sold, should not Senator Lewis have scorned to climb into the Senate on the shoulders of such men?

A storm struck Galveston, Texas, on Monday last, demolishing houses, etc.

COME TO THE FRONT.

Rockingham county should be properly represented. Therefore we again repeat that all candidates for legislative honors should give their views upon all questions, especially on the State debt. Those who are for a *forced* readjustment should come out and let them show how they would go about it. If any favor repudiation, they ought to show the people how they can do it until thirty-four years hence. We don't believe either can be accomplished. It is possible that the COMMONWEALTH'S ideas are erroneous, but we have the opinions of good lawyers and others supporting the COMMONWEALTH'S position. Our columns are open to any or all of the candidates for the expression of their views. We do not want mere assertions. We want the laws bearing upon the subjects. We want the facts—no perversions. Let some one come out and give us his views. Come out and then support your positions before the people. If they are wrong, try to set them right—not be all things to all men. We do not charge anyone with so doing, but we want all candidates to state their views and sustain them, whether they stand or fall.

The Judge, Jury, Commonwealth's Attorney and counsel for defence in several cases have been severely criticised, and even been charged with having taken bribes. This has been done by persons who know nothing or little of the cases before the court, and nothing at all regarding the laws bearing upon such decisions given by the court and the juries. This is altogether improper—or rather fools talking against wise lawyers and honest juries.

This spirit is at variance with law and facts, and is the outgrowth of prejudice and ignorance. The court, lawyers and juries may do wrong, but at all events they are better informed than those who so severely criticise them.—This spirit of communism is entirely wrong, and if not stopped our people cannot be said to be law abiding citizens; neither is there any use for courts of justice. The laws, and courts who administer them, must be respected or we have anarchy, then comes in the State with its military force.

Even this next week our military company is called upon by the Governor to enforce the law in regard to the executions which the courts have decided must take place. If our company could not restrain violence, two or three more could be summoned by telegraph for assistance. The rumors of violence, we believe, are groundless.

Judge O'Ferrall Declines to Order a public Execution of Shiflett and Morris.

Editors of the Register and COMMONWEALTH,

GENTLEMEN:—I have received various letters from different sections of the county urging me to order a public execution of Anderson Shifflett and Silas Morris, now confined in the jail of this county under sentences of death. I also received on last evening a petition signed quite numerously by citizens of Harrisonburg, for a removal of the place of execution from the jail-yard to some point beyond the limits of the town.

While I fully appreciate the motives of the parties from whom the letters referred to have been received, (for I presume they have been prompted by motives of the public good, and not by a depraved and morbid curiosity,) and while I can understand, appreciate and sympathize with the desire of the petitioners, I feel that my sense of propriety and morality, and my conception of the public good will not allow me to direct a public execution. Our law makers, in their wisdom, have declared that our advanced civilization requires that no public exhibition shall be made of the struggles and death-agonies of the poor creatures who may be so unfortunate as to bring down upon their heads the avenging blow of an outraged law. I cannot but think that public executions are so shocking to the finer sensibilities and so revolting to decency, that the day is not far distant when they will be abolished as relics of barbarism.

Steps will be taken to preserve order and protect persons and property in the vicinity of the jail from annoyance. During last week I requested His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, to place our very efficient volunteer company, the "Harrisonburg Guards," under the orders of the Sheriff on that day, and he has done so, and, I have no doubt, the Mayor of the town will see that the police force is sufficiently increased to insure good order.

Regretting that my sense of duty will not allow me to comply with the request of the petitioners, among whom are many ladies, I am respectfully yours,

CHAS. T. O'FERRALL, J. R. C. C.

N. B.—It is proper to state that no one will be allowed to witness the execution but those required or permitted by law. C. T. O'F.

SEPT. 18, 1877.

Advices from Tucson, Arizona, say that the Warm Spring Indians who recently left the San Carlos reservation killed at least fourteen men and wounded eight. They captured one freight train, killed the teamsters and destroyed the goods. They have been stealing stock and horses and plundering generally. Major Tupper and his command struck the Indians at the Knight Ranche and killed forty.

The Boston section of the workingmen's party has issued an address to the laboring men of Massachusetts urging them to cut loose from all existing political parties and form sections in the interest of a workingmen's party, which will hold a convention in Boston the latter part of September and nominate a State ticket.

For the Commonwealth.

The Record.

From the Journal of the Senate, session of 1870–71:

On the 15th of March, 1871, the funding bill came up as the business of the day. Mr. Herndon had offered a substitute, the object of which was to postpone the whole subject until a settlement between the States of Virginia and West Virginia had been had, and in the meantime to provide for the payment of Virginia's alleged proportion of the interest accruing "on the principal of the public debt of the State now bearing interest."

The words in quotation marks are the words of the substitute itself.

Various amendments were offered to this substitute. One presented the question whether the State of Virginia should pay "three per cent." interest or "four per cent." interest on the principal of the debt of the State. The vote stood 17 to 16, and among those voting for "three per cent." is to be found the name of Gen. Roller.

Mr. Smith, of Henrico, moved to strike out the word "now," and after the word "interest" insert the words "on April 17 1861." The effect of this amendment, if adopted, would had to have required the payment of interest only on the principal of the debt due in 1861; and to have avoided that *adding of all the interest* to the principal that *compounding of interest* which was accomplished by the passage of the funding bill. The vote stood 8 to 25. The eight were Messrs Austin, Carr, French, Greever, Lathrop, Patterson, Robinson and Roller.

An earnest effort was made to amend the substitute so as to make it say that the State *did not intend* by the payment of interest to acknowledge itself liable for the whole debt. On this amendment the vote stood: ayes, 10; noes, 21. Among the ayes the name of Gen. Roller is found recorded.

On the 18th of March, 1871, the bill was passed by a vote of ayes, 25; noes, 10. The noes were Messrs Davis, Fitzpatrick, French, Greever, Kendrick, Patterson, Penn, Robinson, ROLLER and Terry.

A CARD.

To My Fellow Citizens of Rockingham County:

Being a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Virginia, I deem it proper to make known some of the sentiments by which I shall endeavor to be guided if elected.

In connection with the public debt, I am opposed to repudiation, and am equally opposed to paying the whole debt, believing both to be unjust. I am in favor of readjustment upon the basis of justice—considering the matter in all its bearings.

I am decidedly opposed to the funding bill, and would do all in my power to get rid of it, or of the effects of it.

I am in favor of reducing the number of offices and officers where it is at all admissible. Also of reducing the pay of all officers that remain, commencing with the members of the Legislature, and missing *none* where justice would allow any deduction whatever.

I am in favor of the revenues intended for the public schools, and for the sinking fund, being collected in money and accounted for separately by the tax collector, and of the school funds of each county being expended in the county in which they were collected.

And I am also in favor of the passage of some law by which the expenses of the Courts may be reduced.

And last, but not least, I am opposed to the passage of any law increasing the burden of taxation.

REUBEN N. HARRISON.

For the Commonwealth.
(Or the common woe.)

"Facilis est descensus Averni."

You want a plan to adjust the State debt. Well, "the men who contracted this debt are dead," or some of them; therefore pay 50 cents on the dollar in bonds—that is from Whately's Logic. That's adjustment No. 1. Now commence adjusting again. These last bonds fall in value immediately, and as they will be bought by some one at 50 cents on the dollar of their face, then we ought not to pay more than the cost to the holder, which is only 25 per cent. of the original bond. Do so again and you have 12½ per cent., and so on, until presto! change! it is gone.

If any other plan that has been suggested has more sense or honesty in it than the foregoing it has not been heard of by

JUST COMMON HONESTY.

[Our correspondent—one of our esteemed friends—has finely burlesqued the readjusters and repudiationists of Rockingham, and states about as sensibly how we would settle the debt problem as the readjusters do.]

ED. OF COMMONWEALTH.

(For the Commonwealth.)

"Billy" Britt, Esq.

MR. EDITOR.—It is the desire of two thirds of the voters of East Rockingham that this pure, honest, gallant, far-seeing gentleman announce himself as a candidate for a seat in the next Legislature of Virginia Mr. Britt is a farmer of considerable lands, and no doubt he will serve us as well as any gentleman who has as yet announced; in fact his views upon the questions now agitating the minds and conceptions of our sages, are such as might lead us to be proud of a second Patrick Henry, or a Richard Henry Lee.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Montevideo, Sept. 18, 1877.

Card from John F. Lewis.

TO MY FELLOW-CITIZENS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—I have no desire to re-enter public life, as it would be a sacrifice of my private interests as well as of my inclinations, but mindful of your kindness on former occasions, and having been solicited by so many of my friends, irrespective of party, to announce myself a candidate for a seat in the Legislature, I can only say, that should it be your pleasure to elect me I could not refuse to serve you. JOHN F. LEWIS.

The yellow fever seems to be spreading in Fernandian, Fla. The Jacksonville people are strictly guarded by quarantine regulations and a volunteer picket force to prevent refugees from entering their city.

Aristarchi Bey, the Turkish minister to the United States, continues to furnish the New York press with official reports of Russian and Bulgarian outrages on Mussulman inhabitants of Bulgaria.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM MT. VERNON IRON WORKS.

On Friday evening last it was our fortune to land at this place, about two miles above Port Republic, and within one half mile of Fountain Cave, right upon the banks of South river, and in one of the prettiest and most fertile sections of Rockingham county.

It was our gratifying pleasure to meet one of whom we have always entertained the highest of praise—Mr. J. H. Hawkins, (formerly of McGaheysville) and who now is general superintendent of these extensive iron works. In 1865, when Lee dismounted his war horse at Appomattox and gave up the Southern Confederacy as forever gone, Mr. Hawkins marched back to his former home with downcast looks and heavy step at the loss of a cause for which he so gallantly fired the shining musket in defense of; but yet to him it seemed useless to mourn over that which could never be redeemed, and with a courage and energy he went to work in order that he might don himself in something other than the war-honored gray, and build up a fortune to rest on when the exposure of four long years might disable him from work. Step by step he has climbed the hills of fate, and we are now more than glad to see him controlling one among the most extensive business establishments in the country. You have our best wishes Johnny, and here is our ☞ as an evidence that you are a model worthy of your former companions to follow.

From the Iron Work we proceeded to Fountain Cave, having learned it was to be illuminated on Saturday last, but owing to some disarrangement in the programme, no conveyances had been provided to convey the passengers from the Cave station to the Cave, and we learned Prof. Clary's band was there, together with a considerable crowd. As we had gone there to see the show for the first time in our life we were determined not to be outdone, so we scuffled around and made arrangements to trade our horse to the proprietor for a peep in the dark cavern; and in delaying a little, we managed to go in about fifteen strong (not drinks though) with Quin. at the muzzle to lead things straight and cure all snake bites. At first we were inclined to turn back, as we have always had a horror at putting our head under ground; but finally we got in, lighted a few candles, and away we went down, down into the dark and frightful looking den of rocks and mud to the beautiful Fringe, but as we were not one of the fringy kind, we passed on at antelope speed by and up the Pilgrim's Path over into Girad's Conunting Room, and as we found nothing the old millionaire had left worth our counting, we pulled out and passed to the Rotunda, but as it was not at all like the Pantheon at Rome it failed to please us, and in fact we never did care much about round things—always prefering to take ours straight. Next we came to the Dome at Washington; but we still have the opinion it could not be so, for we did not see anything around like the city, so we moved on and halted up at the Tower of Babel. We don't know if it is "that babel of strange heathen languages" or not, anyway we heard no strange language, as our crowd spoke alike, and hurried on to help Bonaparte cross the Alps; but we did not find the "illustrious cut throat," and started on by ourselves to get into the Fat Man's Misery; as we only weighed half a ton we did not get in very much misery, and so proceeded on to Lovers Leap, and as we were not in love we did not make a leap, and the chasm looked a little too dark and rugged to try it for the sake of fun. Next came the place of worldly amusement—the Ball Room—and as we had no balls on hand we did not take a game. We proceeded by the Tower of Pisa, Washington's Statue (but we didn't see the tomahawk,) Ruggedness, Hayman Hanging, but we did not recognize the old gentleman as being the one we knew about 100 years ago; Watkins' Glen was also in our route; but we doubt whether brother Watkins ever passed this way and wooed the widow's daughter The statue of Virgin Mary caused us to pause for some time, as it was a sight seldom to be seen formed in so obscure a place. We also saw the 'coon in its hiding place; we had no gun and consequently did not take a shot at him; well we did not care much about 'coons no way. We wound up at the end where the cave takes its name from—where three beautiful fountains are formed in the bottom of the rocks. Taking all in all, it is one of the grandest sights we have ever seen. The view from the entrance, streaming out over one of the grandest sections of country the eye has ever ran, is too grand for description. The silver clouds that float along on the winds under the blue heavens above, fade into mere shade when compared to the hidden sights of this bank of earth and dirt. The serene waters of the river be low, made resplendent by the smiles of a maredian sun, pass from the mind like the silver melted moon does from the iridescent mountains, after viewing the mysteries of this renowned cavern, built by the hand of an ever admiring God, and furnished with rich jewels by the ingenuity of time. The blush of morn has never fell upon these pearls, nor have the smiles of evening played over its many constant drippings in order to add beauty and splendor to their now crystal appearance; but unconscious they stand before the stranger as he passes. Without the appearance of gentle and ever-grateful woman to lend a smile of content, these formations continue; and day by day and night by night they continue to weave formations too grand for the pen of man to paint in words. To Mr. Pirkey we present our regards, and will leave our horse next time we come around to pay our admission fee.

From the Cave we proceeded to Port Republic. Here we met our congenial friend, Waller Palmer, Esq., with whom we spent an hour or so very pleasantly, and was pleased to learn of his success in the mercantile business. Port is still kicking, and may by the hardest kick through the coming winter. But in this little village lives some of the best of people, and around them my fondest recollections shall never cease to fall.

SOME FINE WORK.—We stopped at the large carriage factory of Mr. Wm. H. Michael, near Good's Mill, and were shown some very fine work, among which was a Jenny Lind buggy put up for Mrs. Dinkle at Bridgewater. This was a very neat and substantial piece of his workmanship, and the price exceedingly low. To those in want of vehicles, we advise them to give Mr. M. a call before bargaining at other places, as he never fails to please in price and work.

We only met up with one candidate in our travels, and he was the old "Boss Candidate" of the field—Dr. S P H. Miller; and if we can judge from general expression of opinion, he is going to be one of THE leading men of the canvass. As far as I could learn, all the patriotic aspirants have a great many warm friends. Who shall it be—one from the East and one from the centre? We don't know if it is Amiss or not to state here that some of the candidates are going to Walker up Salt River on the 6th of November at about one minute of 12 o'clock, midnight. But such is life, when men want to serve their country "without price and without money," the people won't elect them.

Truly, C. W. W.

FROM HIGHLAND COUNTY.

OAKLALD, VA., Sept. 12, 1877.

DEAR COMMONWEALTH:—I again take up my pen to write out the locals of this far away corner. The camp meetings are over, and people have settled themselves in their homes. On the last night of the camp-meeting here some one entered Mr. Samuel C. Eagle's store through the window, took all the money he could find, which was about thirty dollars, some of the best tobacco, and several pocket knives. The thief seems to have been well acquainted with the premises, and did his work systematically. However, he may come to grief before he needs another pocket knife.

It has been very dry here for some time past and farmers have been very much hindered in their seeding, but while I write the rain is pouring down, watering the parched earth and replenishing our wells and springs.

Game is very abundant this Fall in the valleys, owing to the drought and the scarcity of "mast." Squirrels are emigrating, and hundreds are killed by our sportsmen—one hundred and sixty in a week, and along the cornfields men and boys kill them with clubs as they run along the fences.

There is an unusual stir among our school teachers, as though they, too, were on a strike. At the examination at Franklin last Thursday I saw six of our Highland teachers. They say they cannot afford to wait over a year for their salary, and for that reason are going to try teaching in the "State of Pendleton."

The Oakland Business School will open on the 17th inst., and quite a number of ladies and gentlemen have engaged boarding in the vicinity. Good board, in private families, is obtained at nine dollars and a half per month, including washing.

West Virginia is represented by students from Pendleton and Pocahontas counties, while Bath and Highland counties are also well represented.

The Highland Recorder will soon be issued under the management of Messrs. Witts & Jordan. They have nearly the requisite number of subscribers. We hail with delight our own county paper, but the dear OLD COMMONWEALTH will not lose its interest here. It will ever be a welcome visitor.

For fear the editor will say come oftener, and don't stay so long at one time, I will close by saying that Douglas, who is charged with the murder of Hiser, the mail carrier, attempted to escape from the Grant county jail last week, but was recaptured. His trial is set for Tuesday, the 18th inst.

CHRUBE.

LOOK HERE!

LOOK HERE!

JOSEPH NEY,

CONFECTIONER,

IS LAYING IN A BIG STOCK OF

Confectioneries, Fruits, Fancy Groceries,

TOBACCO and CIGARS,

Toys, Notions, &c.,

which he offers at

Extremely Low Prices.

He has also added to his other business A LADIES' AND GENT'S

Oyster Saloon!

for which he has engaged

AN EXPERIENCED COOK!

and will offer

A 50c. STEW FOR 25c.

TRY THEM!

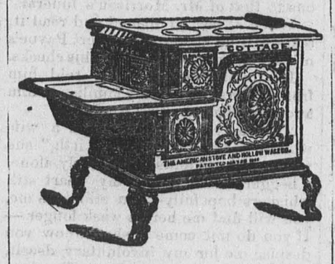
NO HUMBUG.

☞ My place will be kept neat and clean and first-class.

Respectfully, &c.,

Sept. 20 JOS. NEY.

Stoves! Stoves!



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HAVE JUST RECEIVED

100 Cook and Heating STOVES,

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

—OF—

VALUABLE PROPERTY

PURSUANT to a decree of the Circuit Court of Rockingham in the case of Jacob C. Spitler's administrator vs. George W. Cupp's administrator, I will sell at public auction,

On Friday, the 14th day of September, 1877,

at the front door of the Court-House in Staunton, Va.,

THE TWO HOUSES AND LOTS

mentioned in said decree, lying and being in the town of Piedmont, Augusta county, Va.

TERMS:—Costs of suit and sale in hand, and the remainder in three equal annual instalments with interest from the day of sale, the purchaser to give bonds with approved security for deferred payments, and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

JOHN E ROLLER,
aug23 4w Commissioner.

POSTPONEMENT.

The above sale is postponed until MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1877.

JOHN E. ROLLER,
sept20 Commissioner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

VIRGINIA STATE ELECTION, NOV. 6TH, 1877.

FOR THE STATE SENATE.

We are authorized to announce **Gen. John E. Roller** a candidate for the Senate from the 36th district—Rockingham county. sept13-te

We are authorized to announce **Capt. John Paul** a candidate for the State Senate of Virginia from this, the 36th, Senatorial District, at the ensuing election, November 6th.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

We are authorized to announce **Dr. S. H. Moffett** as a candidate for the House of Delegates. *

Capt. Wm. M. Sibert authorizes us to announce him a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates. sept13-te

Henry E. Sipe, Esq., authorizes us to announce him a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates. sept13-te

We are authorized to announce **Col. Reuben N. Harrison** a candidate for the House of Delegates at the ensuing election. [sept6-te*

We are authorized to announce **John D. Pennybacker** a candidate for the House of Delegates. Sept6-te

We are authorized to announce **James C. Heitzel, Esq.,** a candidate for a seat in the House of Delegates, at the coming election. sep 6-te*

We are authorized to announce **Dr. S. P. H. Miller,** of Stonewall district, a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates. aug30-te*

We are authorized to announce **Dr. J. B. Amiss** a candidate for the House of Delegates. aug3

☞ We are authorized to announce **Joseph K. Smith** a candidate for the House of Delegates, at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877, as one of the representatives of the county of Rockingham. aug9-te

New Advertisements.

New Fall and Winter Goods

AT G. S. CHRISTIE'S.

FOR GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS,
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES; VESTINGS,

Suitable for the Fall and Winter seasons, call on

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Fashionable Merchant Tailor,

Who is in receipt of all the usual standard goods kept in a Merchant Tailoring establishment, including a full supply of

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of the latest styles, to which public attention is invited. I will offer special inducements to purchasers, having bought my goods at lower prices than usual.

I deem it unnecessary to enumerate in detail my entire stock. Suffice it to say, that gentlemen can get any article of wearing apparel, of the best quality except hats and boots, at my establishment. Remember the old fashionable emporium.

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To Blacksmiths.

WE are now prepared to furnish Blacksmiths and others with best Cumberland Coal at lowest rates.

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Theatrical Entertainment!

MISS SALLIE PARTINGTON

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—AT—

MASONIC HALL,

FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, SEPTEMBER 28th and 29th, 1877.

DOORS OPEN AT 7. PERFORMANCE AT 8.

Miss Sallie Partington has been Richmond's favorite for years, and has just organized a new company of first-class talent.

VIRGINIA, TO-WIT:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, on the 6th day of September, A. D., 1877.

J. A. Hammen, late S. R. C., G. W. Hedrick, W. B. Yancey, Henry Harnsberger, David Gilmer, John I. Wood and Chas. A. Yancey, ... Complainants,

vs.

O. C. Sterling, S. R. Sterling, F. Liskey, B. F. Armentrout, J. S. Harnsberger, adm'r of J. N. Hill, dec'd., D. H. Roiston, S. R. C., and J. D. Scott, Deputy for said D. H. Roiston, S. R. C. ..... Defendants,

IN CHANCERY ON AN INJUNCTION.

The object of this suit is to enjoin the Defendants from proceeding to collect from the Plaintiffs a judgement for $499.63, with interest from Nov. 11th, 1870, and to recover from the Defendants balance due Plaintiff, J. A. Hammen, from the Defendant, O. C. Sterling, on account of moneys paid out by said Hammen for said Sterling as Sheriff of Rockingham county.

And affidavit being made that the Defendant, O. C. Sterling, is a non-resident of the State of Virginia,

It is ordered that he do appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and answer the Plaintiffs demand, or do what is necessary to protect his interests, and that a copy of this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the OLD COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in Harrisonburg, Va., and another copy thereof posted at the front door of the Court-House of this county, on the first day of the next term of the County Court of said county. Teste:

sept13-4w J. H. SHUE, C. C. C. R. C.
Y & C. p. q.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF A FINE—

STORE HOUSE, DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT,

IN BRIDGEWATER. ALSO,

ABOUT FIVE ACRES OF LAND.

IN pursuance of a decree rendered in the Circuit Court of Rockingham county, Va., at the May term, 1877, in the case of Mary B. Brown, Adm'x of A. W. Brown, vs. Joseph Byrd, &c., I will proceed to sell the Real Estate of Joseph Byrd in the bill and proceedings in said cause mentioned, at Bridgewater,

On Saturday, the 6th day of October, 1877,

at public sale to the highest bidder for so much cash in hand as will pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the balance of the purchase money in three equal annual payments; the purchasers to give bonds with approved security for the deferred payments, with interest from the day of sale and the title to be retained as ultimate security.

This property consists of one of the best and most

DESIRABLE RESIDENCES

in Bridgewater, now occupied by Joseph Byrd; a large and convenient

STORE HOUSE,

adjoining the same, now occupied by Sangers for their dry goods store, and a large

LOT OF GROUND,

with large stable, warehouse and other out-buildings, and the lot of near FIVE ACRES OF LAND, situated a half mile below Bridgewater, adjoining Abram Niswander's land, rich, productive and beautifully located.

G. W. BERLIN,
sep6-4w Commissioner.

NEW STATIONERY AND BOOKSTORE,

SOUTH OF THE COURT HOUSE,

HARRISONBURG, VA.

SELDEN & TATUM,

RESPECTFULLY call public attention to their new establishment, in the Switzer Building, South side of the public Square, where will be found all goods in their line, fresh and choice, at prices as low as the lowest.

SCHOOL BOOKS, and every article pertaining to a scholars outfit, kept on hand. School Books at State prices. Any book not on hand will be ordered at short notice. Blank books, pens, pencils, inks, paper, envelopes, visiting cards, picture frames and mouldings, etc., always on hand.

Your patronage respectfully solicited.

sept6, 1877-1y SELDEN & TATUM.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of The New Rawley Springs Company in Harrisonburg, on Thursday, October 4th, 1877. W. D. HOPKINS, President.

CHAS. A. YANCEY, Secretary.

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ALCOHOL, Alum, Saltpetre, Sulphur, Cream Tartar, Soda, Spices, Flavoring Extracts of all kinds, Gelatine, Baking Powders, Mamoca, Corn Starch, Rice Flour, Sea Moss Farine, &c.

Call where you will be sure to get them at the lowest prices. I can't be undersold. Respectfully,

feb1 L. H. OTT.

FOR RENT.

A FURNISHED COTTAGE, 6 ROOMS. Apply at COMMONWEALTH Office. aug13-tf

STOVES.—A large assortment of Heating and Cooking Stoves just received, which we offer at reduced prices. Call and see us before purchasing.

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IF you want a first-class Cook Stove, perfect in every respect, buy the celebrated "Cottage" Cook at

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REAL ESTATE.

The Virginia Land Bureau.

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OFFICE—HARRISONBURG,

IN organizing "THE VIRGINIA LAND BUREAU" the projectors have in view the dissemination information relative to all classes of lands in Virginia—agricultural, mineral and timbered. A long residence in the State, extensive experience in the business and a thorough acquaintance with the great mineral resources of the Commonwealth, enables us to furnish the most reliable information on these subjects to those seeking either homes in Virginia or investment for capital. The necessity for a Bureau of this character has long been a great need to the farmer, land owner and mineralogist. Recognizing this necessity we have taken advantage of it, and established this Bureau midway of the Shenandoah Valley, one of the most fertile and productive regions in the United States, bordered on either side by extensive mountains, rich in iron, copper, lead and zinc ores, also the finest deposits of anthracite coal. This section abounds in fine springs, innumerable fine mill sites and water powers for manufacturing purposes, generally, together with all required railroad and telegraphic facilities to Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and the West. Settlers in this section will have all the advantages of public and private institutions of learning, together with churches of all religious denominations.

Parties desiring information in regard to lands or properties of any character or description will find it to their interest to communicate with us, (enclosing stamp.)

Address,
F. B. DELANY,
Sec'y and Sup't Virginia Land Bureau,
Harrisonburg, Va.

NOTE.—Persons having lands or mineral properties for sale are respectfully invited to correspond with this Bureau, giving full particulars, and sending descriptions of property, terms and specimens of minerals, (freight prepaid,) as we have facilities for analyzing and reporting on all classes of minerals, by two of the most eminent chemists in the country.

We have a large list of other properties—mineral and agricultural lands, mills, tanneries, houses, lots, &c.—besides those advertised below, and persons desiring to purchase should call upon us before buying.

SMALL FARM—35 acres good limestone land, within 100 yards of Linville Station, 6 miles from Harrisonburg; frame dwelling 5 rooms; convenient to churches and schools; good orchard; 6 acres timber. A bargain.

Apply to
VIRGINIA LAND BUREAU.

FOR SALE.—A Farm of 190 acres, on Shenandoah River, 12 miles from Harrisonburg. About 50 acres well timbered. Fencing in excellent condition. Good dwelling and all necessary improvements. This is considered one of the finest farms on the River. Soil light sandy loam; never requiring fertilizers, and producing crops unsurpassed by any land in the Valley of Virginia.

A HOUSE AND LOT situated in Sangerville, Augusta county, Virginia. The lot contains one acre of land and is enclosed by good fence. The house is in complete order, and contains five rooms, a kitchen and cellar. There is on the lot a large new stable. On the lot there is also another house close to the main dwelling, which contains four rooms. There is a well of excellent water in the yard. This property will be sold for $1,000, on good terms.

FOR SALE—that fine three story Brick House on Northeast corner of West Market and German streets, Harrisonburg. This building fronts 33 feet on West Market street and 75 feet on German street, has two fine store rooms and warerooms on first floor; the two upper floors contain eleven rooms, suitable for offices, for family, &c. There is a yard attached to the property and a fine cistern. The property is offered at low figures on reasonable terms by the Virginia Land Bureau.

FOR SALE—THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY IN THE VALLEY.—We have for sale the valuable property known as the CAVE OF FOUNTAINS, situates 4 miles East of V. R. R., at Cave Station. This property is offered at very low figures and on easy terms. The farm contains 100 acres of choice land, (River bottom land.) Fine large mansion, with all necessary out-buildings to a well conducted farm. The Cave of Fountains is one of the greatest wonders of the present age—abounding in stalactite formations of beautiful, magnificent and grand scenery, not surpassed by any other Cave in the United States. This Cave, being newly opened, leaves the formations fresh and beautiful. This Cave property could be made to yield a revenue, if properly managed, of over $10,000 per annum. Call at the office of the Virginia Land Bureau for further information and terms of purchase.

A FARM OF 260 ACRES of choice smooth Limestone Land, with a fine two story, 60 feet front, stone dwelling house, large barn with stone foundation, stone spring house, blacksmith shop, running water through the farm, fresh spring water at the house, two large orchards of choice fruit. A portion of the farm is in choice timber. The yard and grounds surrounding the dwelling are beautified with fine shade trees and evergreens. This is one of the finest farms in Augusta county. Situated five miles Northwest of V. R. R at Fort Defiance Station. Will be sold very cheap and on easy terms if a call is made soon.

A FARM OF 130 ACRES of limestone land, 2 miles North of Harrisonburg on the Kratzer Spring road, has on it a wooden house, containing five rooms and a kitchen, an orchard of choice fruit, well of fresh water at the house, never failing ponds of water in the fields. 15 acres of this place is in choice timber. This is a cheap farm, and will be sold on easy terms by applying at once to the Virginia Land Bureau.

FOR SALE.—Several valuable vacant building lots situated in Harrisonburg, some of them well suited for business stands. Apply at the Virginia Land Bureau.

A desirable HOUSE and LOT in Dayton, Va. Price, $750 00.

Several Town Properties in Harrisonburg. Desirable and cheap homes.

19½ ACRES OF LAND—portion of it in the corporation of Harrisonburg. A rare bargain.

The well-known Tanyard property in McGaheysville, is now offered at a very reasonable figure. A rare bargain is offered.

DESIRABLE TOWN PROPERTY in Harrisonburg, store room on first floor, dwelling above. Eligibly located for business purposes.

TEN ACRES improved; comfortable dwelling; most excellent neighborhood; title unquestionable. Price, $750.00 cash, if purchased soon.

56 Acres, 1½ miles from Pleasant Valley Depot. Good improvements. Excellent orchard of 175 trees. Never-failing Spring. Price $1,600. Easy terms.

315 Acres well improved Land in Warren county. Will be exchanged for Missouri lands, or sold very low for one-third cash and residue in three years.

115 Acres of good land with improvements, 2½ miles from Railroad depot. Some meadow land; well watered; 30 acres of choice timber; fencing good. This is a cheap property. Can be purchased for the low sum of $2100.

110 ACRES OF LAND, good buildings, 18 miles from Harrisonburg. Price, $50 per acre. This property is located in a good neighborhood and is a splendid home.

FOR SALE.—ONE HUNDRED ACRES OF LIMESTONE LAND within four miles of Harrisonburg; well watered; improvements good.

FOR SALE—A valuable small FARM within one mile of Harrisonburg. It is one of the most lovely homes in the Valley, will be sold cheap and on good terms to the purchaser.

A Small farm, containing thirty acres, near Rawley Springs Pike; good, smooth land, good improvements, excellent fruit; a very desirable little home. Easy payments. Price $2,000.

FOR SALE.—ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY ACRES of good land; located within four miles of Harrisonburg; good farm house, barn and other necessary outbuildings; large orchard; well watered. Will be sold very low.

A MILL PROPERTY in Rockingham county. Mill and Machinery (iron gearing) all new. Saw-mill, fourteen acres of land, good dwelling house, and all necessary out-buildings. Splendid site for tannery. Will be sold cheap.

Ten Acres, more or less, with good improvements; situate within suburbs of Harrisonburg. One of the cheapest and most desirable little homes now in market. Call and see what a small sum of money is required to purchase this delightful home.

FOR SALE—20 acres of Woodland, located on the road leading from Harrisonburg to Cross-Keys. This is a cheap piece of property, and would make a nice small home. The timber on the land is worth what is asked for the land; Will be sold cheap and on good terms.

98 Acres of A No. 1 Limestone Land, only 2½ miles from Harrisonburg. Excellent improvements; running water on the place. Will be sold at the very low price of $4,000, the owner desiring to embark in other business. This property can be purchased on easy terms.

FORTY ACRES highly improved, excellent water power

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We are prepared to do Job Printing of all kinds at low rates, FOR CASH.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.
HARPER'S FERRY AND VALLEY BRANCH.

Taking effect July 8th, 1877.

TRAINS EASTWARD:	ACCOM'N. A. M.	Pass'n. A. M.
Leave Harrisonburg	7 00	11 50
		P. M.
" New Market	8 42	12 42
Arrive Mount Jackson		1 04
" Woodstock	10 20	1 49
" Strasburg	11 10	2 18
" Winchester	1 48	3 27
" Harper's Ferry	5 17	4 55
" Washington		7 20
" Baltimore		8 30

TRAINS WESTWARD:	Mail—A. M.	P. M.
Leave Baltimore	6 45	
" Washington	7 50	
" Harper's Ferry	9 40	
" Winchester	11 04	
		P. M.
" Strasburg	12 04	
" Woodstock	12 37	3 16
" Mt. Jackson	1 19	4 28
" New Market	1 34	5 12
" Broadway	1 52	5 51
Arrive Harrisonburg	2 25	7 07
" Staunton	3 30	

On Mondays and Saturdays Accommodation train for Harrisonburg will leave Timberville at 7 58 a. m., Broadway 8 10, arrive at Harrisonburg 9 10 a. m. Return, will leave Harrisonburg 5 35 p. m. same day.

Valley Railroad.

On and after Monday, June 11th, 1877, trains will run as follows:

REGULAR PASSENGER:

WEST.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Harrisonburg	7 40	2 30
Arrive at Staunton	9 20	3 30
EAST.		
Leave Staunton	10 40	3 45
Arrive at Harrisonburg	11 40	5 15

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

TOURNAMENT IN THE GAP.—On Saturday, September 8th, inst., a tournament came off about 1½ miles from Cootes' Store. The Knights were ten in number, and were clad in various picturesque costumes. The tilting was very spirited, and there was some excellent riding. The charge to the knights was delivered by Prof. — Crimm, of New Market.

The successful knights were:—J. A. Moyers, who crowned Miss Laura Niswander Queen of Love and Beauty; C. Riddel, who crowned Miss Ella Trumbo 1st Maid of Honor; B. Moyers crowned Miss Sallie Will 2nd Maid of Honor; W. Niswander crowned Miss Hettie Cootes 3rd Maid of Honor. Jno. W. Bushe crowned Miss Alice Ralston 4th Maid of Honor.

Previous to the regular tournament there was a tilting contest for a prize saddle, which was won by Geo. L. Will, Knight of Blue Cloud.

Chrisman Branner, Esq., was Chief Marshal, assisted by D. Pennybacker, jr. Judges—M. Pence, E. R. Neff, J. McMullen.

The exercises concluded with dancing, a large platform having been erected for the purpose.

The whole affair was very pleasant, and as the shades of evening drew on, the large crowd in attendance wended homeward, delighted with the pleasures of the day.

GRADING TEACHERS.—Our County Superintendent of Schools, in his examination of applicants for positions in the free schools of the county for the present term, has advanced the five grades in which licenses to teach are issued. Last year an average of 95 per cent. upon all branches taught was required to secure "grade 1." Now 98 per cent. is required, with a corresponding advance in the other grades. In some of the districts the pay of the teachers has been reduced, and they complain that this operates in a two-fold manner to reduce their wages. But why notice any such clamor? Some men would complain if they were going to be hung.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG.—On Saturday next, the handsome flag ordered from Columbus, Ohio, will be presented to the Harrisonburg Guards by Col. Chas. T. O'Ferrall for the ladies of Harrisonburg, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The presentation will be made on the Court House square. Capt. O. B. Roller, of the Guards, will make the speech of acceptance.

The ladies, of course, will be out in full force. Clary's Band will be out with the company.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last as Mr. H. C. Berry, of Mt. Crawford, was driving home from Mt. Sidney his horse took fright at Mr. Andrew's camp car and ran away, throwing Mr. B. from the wagon and bruising him so severely that he has been confined to his room since the occurrence.

LECTURE.—Prof. Ben Hyde Benton, of the New Market Polytechnic Institute, delivered one of his "Bible Science" lectures at Mt. Crawford on Sunday evening last. He took the words, "The Lord God is a Sun" as his subject on this occasion, and handled it in a very able and instructive manner.

Wm. M. Billhimer has completed the brick work on his new building on E. Market street. A fine structure.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT—Hon. C. T. O'Ferrall presiding.—J. H. Rolston qualified as Notary Public.

Consent of Court to bind Mary Nelly Morris to D. H. Rolston until 18 years of age.

The will of Geo. Arehart proven and admitted to record, and E. R. Neff qualified as administrator with the will annexed.

The will of James W. West proven and continued.

Wm. P. McCall, Jr., granted retail liquor license at his residence, near Sangersville, in this county.

S. R Allebaugh, R. W. Harrison and Isaac Wenger appointed commissioners to lay off and assign dower to the widow of Peter Neff, dec'd.

Consent of Court to bind Mary Ella Thomas to Mrs. Amanda Keezle.

FINE STOCK.—Mr. John W. Baldwin, near Broadway, has some fine stock—Bedford's Airdree and Stonewall. The pedigree of the first is given thus in the American Short Horn Record, 5th volume, as follows:

"4762. Red roan, calved April 3, 1874; the property of Joseph Vanmeter, Hardy county, W. Va.; got by 21st Duke of Airdree 804—(Countess) by 2nd Duke of Geneva 814—(Miss Renick) by Duke John 818—(Miss Moss) by Young Paragon 610—(Tulip) by Buena Vista 85; (Illustrious 2nd) by Franklin 879—(Lady Parrington) by Paragon of the West 422—(Imp. Illustrous) by Emperor 194—(Peeress) by Snowdrop 524—(Countess) by Sir Charles 508—(Princess) by St. Albans 534—(Blossom) by Cupid 146—by Simon 501—by Purch 459—by Boling brake 71."

From the same journal we take the following regarding Stonewall:

"7048. Red roan, calved March 11, 1876; the property of Joseph Vanmeter, Moorefield, Hardy county, W Va.; got by Romulus 6958—(Orphan Rose 2nd) by Canefield 3244—(Orphan Rose 1st) by Capt Lawson 3251—(Amelia) by Bruce 3224—(Ruby 2nd) by Bertram 685—(Imp. Ruby) by Young Dimple 601—(Daisy) by Wellington 572—(Beauty) by Duke 169—(Lucy) by Young Comet 599—by J. Brown's White bull 81."

PERSONAL.—Mr W. O Switzer, of Mt Crawford, in company with Diana, the huntress, passed through here on Friday last, on his way to a Woolfe chase on the hunting grounds of Fauquier.

FROM BRIDGEWATER.

SCRAPS.—Mr. M. Strickler has purchased the residence of Rev. I. D. Halsted for the sum of $1200 cash. Mr. Halsted goes to Richmond.

We are glad to again have the pleasure of seeing our old friend and neighbor William Fraley, Esq., on our streets. Mr. Fraley has been spending some months in the mountains with a view of recruiting his health.

Dr. Minor is erecting a new stable on his lot.

The Bridgewater Healing Springs Co., are erecting a beautiful pavilion over the spring.

The recent rains have been very beneficial to the late crops and fall pastures. Our farmers are much encouraged and are busily engaged sowing their wheat

The sale at auction of the stock of goods of the late firm of Joseph Byrd & Co., is in process. Now is the time to get great bargains.

The Normal School is in full operation.—Prof. G. H. Hulvey, with his family, are acceptable citizens of our town. Send your sons and daughters here and you will be sure to get the worth of your investment.

MARRIED.—Our old friend and former associate member of the Bridgewater corps of correspondents for the COMMONWEALTH, J. McD. Adair, was united in the bonds of matrimony at Rockbridge Baths on the 12th instant to Miss L. L. Rapp. We return our sincere thanks for an invitation to be present on the occasion, and express our regrets at not being able to attend. We wish the happy pair a long life and much success and pleasure.

STONEWALL.—We have understood from one who ought to know that there are still a few heads of families in Stonewall District who have not as yet announced themselves as candidates for Legislative honors. Let the remainder announce themselves at once. Bridgewater is solid for all. N. W. ORB.

FROM BROCK'S GAP.

AN ARMY OF SQUIRRELS.—An army of squirrels are passing from West Virginia into this State. The corn fields are overrun with them, destroying and eating the corn. Some small fields, surrounded with woods, are entirely destroyed. The hunters are "going" for them, one of whom killed 260 in a few days.

A BEAR KILLED.—Nimrod Dove and John May, who reside on Shenandoah Mountain, one day last week, whilst shooting squirrels heard a hog squeal for life. They advanced in the direction of the noise and saw a bear sitting on a hog, the bear looking strange at the new comers. Mr. May only having a single load of squirrel shot, took direct aim and hit him in the breast. He left a line of blood in the direction he took, but was not caught. They then the same day built a bear pen, as old hunters call it, and on visiting it the next day old bear was there. He was caught with a ham of the hog that he had killed. Mr. Dove thinks he can trap a bear every few days. One of the traps is built very strong, two feet high, strong flooring, strong trap door, &c. G. W.

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of four dollars from our valued correspondent, and would like to hear from him oftener.—ED.

Examination of Teachers.

A second examination of teachers will be held in the Seminary building in Harrisonburg on Friday and Saturday the 28th and 29th of this month. All teachers who expect to teach in the public schools of Rockingham this year, and have not been licensed already, will please attend both days. The examination will commence promptly at 9 o'clock each day.

The Teachers Institute will be held in Harrisonburg October 10th, 11th and 12th. Regulations of the Board of Education require all licensed teachers to attend, whether they have commenced their schools or not.

J. HAWSE, Co. Supt. Schools.

North Main street, on the Gay street corner, has a new feed stable.

BREVITIES.

Circus next Monday.

Wheat is on the rise.

Full moon next Saturday.

Hangman's day next Tuesday.

Read the newsy letter from Bridgewater.

The sun sets about 6 o'clock and 4 minutes.

Moffett's Punch will be heard in Harrisonburg soon.

The crowd in town Monday was larger than expected.

The recent fine rains have been very beneficial to the farmers.

It is rumored that Anderson Shifflett killed David G. Lawson on credit.

Our stores open about 6:15 on 'Court-days'; on other days from 6:30 to 7.

Whiskey will shortly be fifteen cents a glass, or else heavily watered.

It can't be said that a man with a new pair of boots has no music in his sole.

Rev. Thomas Hume of Norfolk preached in the Baptist church here last Sunday.

The Good Templars of Staunton will have an excursion to Fort Defiance to-morrow.

A new boot, shoe and hat store will soon be established in Harrisonburg by A. H. Heller.

The Cave of Fountains is offered at public sale next month by the Virginia Land Bureau.

Some people apprehend trouble on hangman's day. The Guards can take care of all troublous spirits.

A week's revival closed at the Methodist church in this place on Friday night. There were no conversions.

The COMMONWEALTH has been receiving from two to six new subscribers daily for ten or fifteen days past.

On Sunday last the excursion by the colored people of Staunton brought about 450 persons to Harrisonburg.

Andersom Shifflett embraced religion on Sunday last. "While the lamp holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return."

Prof. Clary has opened a new photograph gallery in the second story of Brennan & Southwick's store—Ott's old corner.

R. J. Mason, Esq., of Linville, we learn, will probably stump the county for the State ticket and discuss the State debt problem.

The Graded School in this place commenced on Monday last. Five teachers are in charge, and 110 pupils have been enrolled.

On Thursday afternoon, John Bolen, in the employ of E. L. Edmundson, was killed by lightning whilst taking refuge from a storm under a tree.

Everybody in Virginia who takes a drink after about three or four weeks, will be serenaded on account of his patriotism when ever he drinks.

On the 6th of September James Wallace West, a well-known and popular gentleman, died at his residence near Tenth Legion, aged nearly 70 years.

The Harrisonburg Guards were out on dress parade on Saturday evening. Next Saturday they will be out again to receive the flag from the ladies.

John W. Barton, of the city of Staunton, was convicted of stealing a horse from A. Rousseau and one from J. Woods Garth. No city can prosper without a horse thief.

The "Clark Courier" has a spider story which beats the "Rockingham Register's" snake story. It tells of a spider an inch around the body and with legs two inches long.

September will be a memorable month in Harrisonburg: Several fights, excursions, the band came home, Court day, schools opened, circus, two hangings, and theatres two nights.

Everybody expresses an opinion about Court decisions, and ninety-nine out of a hundred have not heard the facts or law of the case. Some are wise above what has been written.

At a recent party in this place whilst everybody was cracking nuts of various kinds, a gentlemen remarked to us, "aren't we having a cracking time?" He has been awarded a chromo.

H. H. Riddleberger, Esq., editor of the Woodstock "Herald," was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. Capt. Riddleberger is not quite as sound on the State debt problem as he should be.

The boys and girls of the town are greatly bored by men and women who desire to take them to the circus. It takes four grown persons to take one child to a circus—just to see the animals, you know.

The passage of the bill and the intention of a bell register was an important event of last session. It is believed that the register will bring into the treasury about one half million of dollars annually.

There was a repudiation caucus in Staunton last week, when Geo. Sencright was nominated for the Senate and Hayes Williams, Brown Allen and Davis Craig were nominated for the House of Delegates.

We acknowledge the receipt of a card of admission to the Shenandoah Valley Fair, at Winchester, next month, from the president of the society, James M. Miller, Esq. Will notice the fair more fully another time.

There are nine candidates announced for the House of Delegates and two for the Senate. Eight of these patriotic gentlemen, who desire to give their services to the old Commonwealth, must go up Salt River.

The confession of Anderson Shifflett, as published in an issue of the Baltimore 'Sun' of last week was untrue from beginning to end. Next week's COMMONWEALTH will contain confessions of both, together with the life of each.

The Harrisonburg Guards have been ordered out as a guard on Tuesday next, the day of the execution of Anderson Shifflett and Silas Morris The Guards have about 1000 ball cartridges. We do not expect there will be any trouble on the occasion.

We learn that there is to be a mass meeting in the Court House here on Saturday. By whom it is called, or what is to be the programme, we do not know. All candidates should be here to see, and the canvassers of the county, if there be any, should be here also.

In 24 leading barrooms in Richmond, the tax for four days from the Moffett Register was $240.41. At this rate for one year, it would bring into the treasury $18,417.00.—These do not number more than one fourth of the barrooms, if Fredericksburg has to have 83 Registers.

Jas. Keene, Esq., the great San Francisco and New York stock speculator, and a brother-in-law of our fellow townsman, Capt. F. A. Daingerfield, was in Harrisonburg one day last week His stocks advanced a million of dollars the few days he was at the White Sulphur Springs recently.

To the Voters of Rockingham:

Several days in advance of the platform promulgated ex cathedra by the State Conservative Convention, I published in the county papers (August 7,) my announcement as a candidate for the House of Delegates, in which I enunciated my position in regard to the State debt and matters of like importance to the tax-payers. In order that those who did not see my card at that time may "know of a truth" exactly where to find me in regard to the issues now engaging public attention, I will, succinctly, recapitulate my views as follows:

First in importance and magnitude comes that hydra-headed monster, THE STATE DEBT, with its funders its peelers and accumulated interest—a very problem in finance—the solution of which even a Jay Cook would attempt with dubious results, but which each candidate for the Legislature has a pet plan that will furnish, at the beck of his mystic wand, the requisite revenue But to the point. Believing FORCED adjustment and repudiation correlative—in their tendency impolitic—in the essentials impracticable and inherently wrong, I would favor a SPEEDY, yet AMICABLE, compromise with ALL classes of State creditors; making the debt, if possible, homogenous in law as it is in equity. To accomplish this AMICABLE COMPROMISE, present an honest exhibition of our assets, our resources, our depreciated tithables, our war losses in domain and in property, upon which was based a part of our liabilities, and then ask of our creditors a corresponding rebate of the principal equal to the marketable value of the bonds, (say to 65 cents in the dollar, their present value.) Six per cent. interest, (the rate we pay,) on $65, the commercial value of our $100 consols, is $3.90, which is a little less than 4 per cent. on their par value, hence, 4 per cent. on the commuted debt, at par, upon this basis is, in reality, nearly the same as 6 per cent. on the bond-holders' ACTUAL INVESTMENT, ($65 in $100,) and would save to the State a bonus equivalent to ONE THIRD of the WHOLE DEBT. Now this ROYALTY OF 35 PER CENT. is the CANKER that is destroying our ENERGY, our VITALITY, and our SUBSTANCE! AN ORIGINAL BONDHOLDER, the man who paid $100 in currency, gold basis, for a one hundred dollar bond, is a myth, who "shuffled off this mortal coil" way back in the days of 'Auld Lang Syne;' hence, I cannot comprehend the turpitude, moral or civil, in the enactment of such laws as will rid the people of the discriminating injustice entailed upon them by that abominable species of class legislation embodied in the Funding Bill. Some affirm, ex Gov. Smith among the number, that the debt was incurred for the benefit of the farmer, in constructing railroad, turnpikes, canals, &c., for his convenience, use, &c. Now this is but an artful dodge of the apologists of the Funding Bill. But suppose it true, in part at least, has not the State relinquished her rights in many of these improvements for a "mere song?" and more pertinently, don't we, of this county, pay full taxes upon a "deed of gift" to a now alien corporation, whose systematic oppression of the workingman instituted a "war for wages," which culminated in the destruction of more property than would be required to pay our State debt I have sufficient faith in the business accumen of our creditors to believe they will not demand the "pound of flesh," when you unearth the downright robbery they are commiting upon the State treasury under cover of the Funding Bill, consequently I am in favor of scaling the debt to its intrinsic value, (say 65 cents in the dollar,) and paying upon this commuted debt 4 per cent. interest annually in currency, and the debt, thus amicably adjusted, would enable us to pay the interest upon the whole debt with the revenue now derived from taxes, and, without increasing our burdens, we could do equal justice to all.

I am in favor of each county and incorporated town paying the expenses of its criminal prosecutions; of each county paying for and keeping up its public schools; of paying teachers' salaries according to their grade; of less law and cheaper justice; of rigid economy, and a lopping off of all sinecure offices in all departments of the State government, which, together with a business like transaction of the business of the Legislature, would save of the people's money no insignificant sum.

This, fellow-citizens, is my platform—plain, positive, unequivocal.

"Nothing extenuated,
Nor set down aught in malice."

It brings a panacea for the troublous ills that so heavily oppress our State's prosperity, that opposes every effort of recuperation, that causes such deep despondency to darken the outlook, and impels every thoughtful citizen with gloomy forebodings to fear the future. It provides a remedy for that plague spot, THE STATE DEBT, that has eaten so deep into our vitals and threatens ruin to our every interest, that locks the wheels of progress and paralyzes business in our midst, that destroys the markets for our lands and causes moody silence to brood o'er the slopes where the busy hum of industry should be heard.

Quack nostrums won't do! Emollient poultices have lost their efficacy! The disease requires cautious, manly, energetic treatment or the State's a corpse, with the Legislature transformed into an administrator, de bonis non, with the Funding Bill annexed, before the ides of March.

Yet hoping, and trusting "better counsels may prevail," I respectfully solicit your suffrages, promising, if elected, to labor for the betterment of our State's interests in general, and for those especially of my immediate constituency. JOHN B. AMISS.

WAVERLIE, VA., Sept 1877.

FOR SALE, ON EASY TERMS.—I will sell 150 acres of the former Wm. P. Kyle farm, near Cross-Keys, with the buildings, or 150 acres without the buildings. Apply to

E. J. SULLIVAN,
aug23 1 Post Office, Harrisonburg, Va.

MARRIED.

On yesterday, Sept. 19th, 1877, by Rev. J. S. Lindsay, Mr. Jos. S. Strayer, of Rockingham, to Miss Laura C., eldest daughter of Col. C. E. and Mrs. G. C. Lightfoot, of Bethel Academy, Fauquier county, Va.

In McGaheysville, Va., September 12th, 1877, by Rev. I. Conder, Edward N. Ritenour and Minnie F. Hedrick.

COMMERCIAL.

HARRISONBURG WHOLESALE PRICE CURRENT.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY GEO. A. MYERS & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS AND PRODUCE DEALERS.

HARRISONBURG, VA., September 13, 1877.

Remarks:—Flour and Wheat without change, with a slight decline in the Eastern markets. Oats in better demand, and will sell readily at quotations.—Butter and Eggs in better demand. Sugar advancing. No change in other staple goods.

We quote to-day—

APPLES—Green (as to quality)	$ 0 40@ 0 50
" —Dried	3@ 3½
BACON, Virginia Hog Round	9½@ 10
" " Hams	10@ 11
" " Sides	9½@ 10
" " Shoulders	8@ 9
" Baltimore, Hams, sugar-cur'd	14@ 15
" " Sides & shoulders	7½@ 8
BUTTER—No. 1, Choice	18@ 20
" Good to Fair	12@ 15
BEESWAX, per lb	20@ 25
BEANS—White	1 00@ 1 50
" Mixed	1 00@ 1 20
BLACKBERRIES—Dried	5@ 6
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR	2@ 3
CORN—White ⅌ bush	55@ 60
" Yellow "	55@ 60
CORNMEAL, ⅌ bush	65@ 75
CHICKENS—Live	10@ 25
CHERRIES—Drid—Pitted	10@ 12
CEMENT—Round Top	2 50@ 2 50
COFFEE—Common Rio	19@ 19½
" Fair to Prime	20@ 23
" Laguira	22@ 25
CHEESE	13@ 15
COTTON YARNS, ⅌ bunch	1 10@ 1 20
EGGS, per dozen	8@ 10
FLOUR—Superfine	4 75@ 5 00
" Extra	5 25@ 5 50
" Family	6 00@ 6 25
FEATHERS—Pure, new, geese	40@ 45
FLAXSEED, ⅌ bush	85@ 1 00
FISH—Potomac Herring	7 00@ 8 00
" Mackerel, No. 2	8 00@ 9 00
GINSENG	40@ 50
HERD GRASS SEED, ⅌ bush	1 25@ 2 00
LARD—Virginia	9@ 10
" Baltimore	10@ 11
LIME—⅌ barrel	30@ 75
MOLASSES—Black St'p, per gallon	32@ 35
" Porto Rico	60@ 70
" New Orleans	65@ 72
" Bright Syrup	45@ 50
OIL—Kerosine in barrels, ⅌ gal on	15@ 18
OATS—Bright	25@ 30
POTATOES—Irish, (new)	0 50@ 0 50
RYE	90@ 80
RICE—in barrels ⅌ lb	7½@ 10
SALT—Liverpool, ⅌ sack	1 75@ 1 85
SUGAR—Yellow, (wholesale)	8½@ 10
" White	11@ 12
TALLOW	7@ 7
TIMOTHY SEED—⅌ bus	1 25@ 2 00
TEAS—Green	75@ 1 50
" Black	50@ 1 00
WHEAT—As to quality	1 15@ 1 25
WOOL—Washed	30@ 35
" Unwashed	25@ 30

GRAND GALA DAY CARNIVAL!

HARRISONBURG, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1877.

COMING ON 3 SPECIAL TRAINS

A Congress of Bewildering Attractions! 10,000 Separate and Distinct Novelties!

The EARTH, the SEA, the SKY are all represented in

A VAST WILDERNESS OF EXHIBITION TENTS!

ONE TICKET ADMITS TO ALL.

BRILLIANT OVATION!

A PERFECT PANOPLY OF SPLENDOR!

6 SIX —FUNNY— CLOWNS! 100 PERFORMERS HAVING NO EQUALS!

W. W. COLE'S

Great N. Y. and N. O. Zoological and Equestrian Exposition

A Mammoth Museum! A Stupendous Menagerie! A Famous Circus!

W. W. COLE, ... **Sole Proprietor.**

The Proprietor of this vast and unparalleled consolidation of interesting and attractive features has for the season of 1877, through a life-long experience and a lavish outlay of money, the pleasure of placing before the public the Grandest Effort of his Life, by procuring all the attainable Novelties of the Brute Creation from all quarters of the World, and in connection therewith will be found the most conspicuous Riders, Gymnasts, Grotesques and Acrobatic Male and Female Artists, to be found in any part of the world. This grand and classic entertainment is wholly exempt from the inelegancies and coarseness too frequently permitted in most of tent exhibitions. In this Great Show there is nothing ever presented that a gentleman would hesitate to bring his family to witness, or the most exacting take exceptions to.

OUR SUPERIORITY over ANY OTHER SHOW in AMERICA!

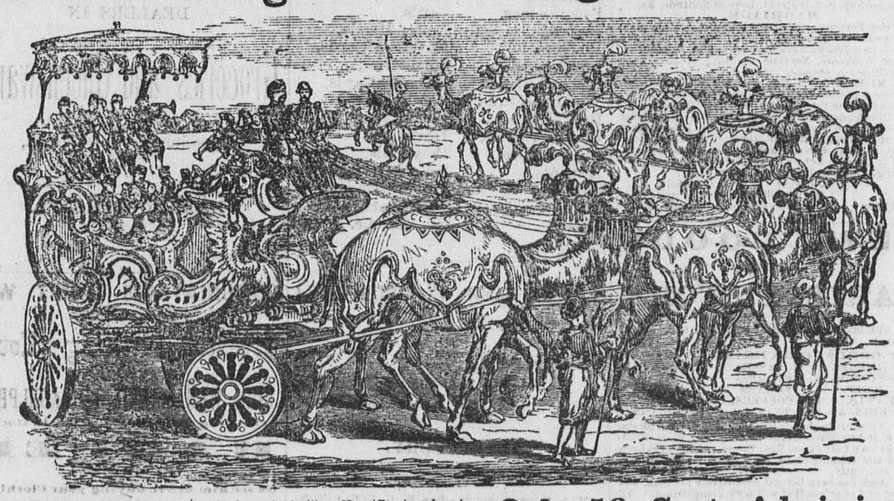
The Wonders and Beauties of Nature! Ten Thousand Ocean Marvels! The Gaucho Horsemen of the Pampas! Superb Display of Arctic Prowess! Monarchs of the Rivers and Jungles of India, Africa and South America.

WE CHALLENGE THE WORLD TO EQUAL OUR GREAT SHOW.

$100,000 Worth of GOLDEN TABLEAU CARS and CHARIOTS, like Mountains of burnished gold in sunlight.

EXTRAORDINARY FEATURES JUST ADDED:—LIVING ALASKA SEA LIONS, (the only specimen of Real Fur Seals ever upon exhibition.) Baby Elephant, Baby Dromedaries, Baby Lions, Baby Leopards, Baby Camels, Baby Monkeys, Baby Tigers, Baby Sea Lions. Den of Monster Serpents, [some of which are 50 feet long]; a Drove of Bactrian Camels; a Sea Elephant; S. A. Hippopotamus; Walrus, &c. Trained and Performing Wild Beasts has been made a specialty in this Great Show. 30 Cages, Dens and Corrals of Rare and Curious Animals.

The Most Georgeous Street Pageant Ever Seen!



More Wild Beasts, more Men and Horses, more Curiosities, Magnificent and Gorgeous Wardrobes, Heralds, Kings, Knights, Body-Guards, Ladies of the Court, Soldiers, Battle-Men, Horse-Guards, clad in Armor of Silver, Steel and Gold Platings, forming

A SCENE OF SPLENDOR NEVER BEFORE EQUALED!

See the Grand FREE Hippodromatic Street Pageant! Travels by Railroad Exclusively. Horses all in fine condition. All Railroads run at Half-Fare to and from this Great Show.

Only 50 Cents Admission!

To Circus, Menagerie, Aquarium, Aviary, Equescurriculum and Trained Animal Exhibitions;

Children under 10 Years 25 Cents.

Doors open at 1 and 7 P. M. Performance will commence one hour afterwards, thus giving all one hour to visit the Zoological Department and study the Wonders of Nature before the Equestrian, Gymnastic and Acrobatic performance commences. 1200 CUSHIONED OPERA SEATS!

REMEMBER, Only One Ticket Required for all advertised exhibitions of

The Great Show of the World!

ALADDIN COAL OIL, Castor Oil, Neatsfoot, Perfume, Fish, Lubricating and Lard Oils, and Linseed Oil, boiled and raw—very cheap.
feb1 L. H. OTT.

DRILLS.—The Hagerstown "Keller" Drill, with latest improved fertilizing attachment, at reduced price. For sale by
aug2 TREIBER & GASSMAN.

DRUGS, MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, TRUSSES, Supporters, Surgical Instruments, and Patent Medicines of all kinds, at L. H. OTT'S Drug Store.

THE largest assortment of Builders' Material of every description at
may10 ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

IF you want to find the most complete assortment of Hardware in town, go to
ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

BLACKSMITH'S supplies furnished at the lowest rates at ROHR, SPRINKEL & CO'S.

WE have just received 200 kegs Nails, which will be sold at the lowest rates.
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THE largest and finest assortment of Mechanics' Tools, to be had at
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UPHOLSTERING, and MATTRESS made any size on short notice.
R. C. PAUL.

CIDER MILLS.—The "Richmond" Cider Mill, the best in use, for sale by
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BAY RUM, PERFUMERY, Combs, Hair Brushes, Nail Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Perfumed Soaps, Pomades, and Fancy Articles. The old reliable stand
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P. W. STRAYER

OFFERS for sale at the Depot in Harrisonburg, the following Fertilizers:

Farmers' New Method PHOSPHATE,

$38 cash, or $40 at 12 months, without interest. Freight $3.00.

B D SEA FOWL GUANO,

$43 cash, or $45 at 12 months, with interest. Freight $3 00.

Call upon me at once if you want Fertilizers.—Can supply any order at once.

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

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Good location for business of any kind; new, three-story brick building; dwelling large, airy and comfortable; store-room and dwelling in one building. Terms easy, and the property will be disposed of low to a proper party. Water convenient. Call on or address,
M. PINKUS,
aug9-1m Harrisonburg, Va.

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LAMP GOODS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, Dye Stuffs, Window Glass, Putty, Turpentine.
And everything necessary for painting, at the Drug Store of L. H. OTT.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

ON and after June 4th, 1877, Passenger Trains will run as follows:

FROM STAUNTON—WESTWARD.

Leave Staunton	3.35 p. m.	2.55 a. m
Arrive Goshen	5.08 " "	4.38 " "
" Millboro	5.29 " "	5.00 " "
" Covington	6.55 " "	6.20 " "
Leave White Sulphur	8.25 " "	7 45 " "
Arrive Hinton	11.20 a. m.	9 35 p. "
" Kanawha Falls	3.30 " "	12.40 p. "
" Charleston	6.05 " "	2.42 " "
" Huntington	9.00 " "	5.30 " "

EASTWARD.

Leave Staunton at	10:30 A. M.	12:15 A. M
Arrive at Charlottesville	12:15 P. M.	2:00 A.
" Gordonsville	1 35 "	2:55 "
" Richmond	5:30 "	6:30 "
" Washington	9:00 "	6:10 "

Trains leaving Staunton at 10.30 A. M. and 3.[illegible] M., runs daily (except Sunday) stopping at all re[illegible] stations.

Trains leaving Staunton at 2.55 A. M. and 12.1[illegible] M., run daily, stopping at all regular stations bet[illegible] Huntington and Alleghany, and at Covington, [illegible]boro, Goshen, Waynesboro, Afton, Greenwood, Me[illegible]chum's River, Ivy, Charlottesville, Gordonsville, [illegible] Junction and Richmond.

Sleeping cars run on 2 55 A. M. and 12.15 A. M. trains between Richmond and Covington. Also Sleeping cars will run on Nos. 3 and 4 trains between Washington and White Sulphur.

A Passenger coach attached to Freight train [illegible] between Waynesboro' and Goshen, leaving Sta[illegible] at 8.30 A. M., and arrives at Goshen 12 M., stop[illegible] all intervening stations. This train makes [illegible]tion at Goshen for Lexington.

For further information, rates, &c., apply [illegible] H. Woodward, Agent at Staunton, Va., or at [illegible]pany's Offices.

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LD COMMONWEALTH.

HARRISONBURG, VA., ... SEPT. 20, 1877.

YOU CAN'T READ THIS.—Shewasbeau ilandlovely. Butsheledacloselycon ed lifeandconstipationsickheadachea dispepsiaheartburnacidstomachand neralprostrationintervened. Shetrie evern remediesbutallfaileduntil shens Bailey'sSaline Aperient whichactedli sacharmlargebottlesonly costfiftycents isapleasantcoolingand effervescentpur tive. Throwasideyoursickeningpills ltryitonetime.

'That's the smallest horse I ever ," said a countryman on viewing a etland poney.

'Indade, now," replied his Irish com- nion, "but I have seen one as small two of him."

t broke out bad with a nigger and mule yesterday. The nigger struck, d the mule "kicked." Another dar- is driving that mule now.

n old bachelor explains the courage he Turks by saying that a man with re than one wife ought to be willing face death at any time.

Mr. Dobbs says that he has one of ost obedient boys in the world. ls him to do as he pleases, and s it without a murmur.

most every young lady is public ted enough to have her father's e used as a court house.

ze does not alway tell. A watch ing can be heard further than a ticking.

An Oil City man recently died of love, but it was love of whiskey.

Shopkeepers who sell goods on Sunday put up their shutters for a blind.

The man who wears gum shoes has no music in his sole.

A cobbler could give some men better souls than they have.

Even a false set of teeth may have a silver lining.

SELLING OUT!

As I intend to make a change in my business, I will sell for the next

Thirty Days

my entire stock of Goods at LOW that prices will astonish all.

Call and see for yourself.

And be convinced, at

A. H. HELLER'S,

BIG BOOT SIGN.

☞ I am paying 20 cents for Butte

TO ALL MEN—A SPEEDY CURE.—The Direful Results of Early Indiscretion, which renders Marriage Impossible, Destroying both Body and Mind, General Organic Weakness, Pain in the Head or Back, Indigestion, Palpitation of the Heart, Nervousness, Timidity, Tremblings, Bashfulness, Blushing, Languor, Lassitude, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, Consumption &c., with those Fearful Effects of Mind so much to be dreaded, Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion of Society, Self-Distrust, Love of Solitude, &c.

MARRIAGE.

Married Persons or Young Men contemplating marriage, aware of Physical Weakness (Loss of Procreative Power—Impotency,) Nervous Excitability, Palpitation, Organic Weakness, Nervous Debility, or any other Disqualification, speedily relieved.

A SPEEDY CURE WARRANTED.

In recent Disease Immediate relief—No Mercury.—Persons Ruining their Health, Wasting Time, with Ignorant Pretenders and Improper Treatment, Driving Disease into the System by that Deadly Poison, Mercury, and Causing Fatal Affections of the Head, Nose Throat or Skin, Liver, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels, Speedily Cured. Let no False Delicacy prevent you applying. Enclose Stamp to Insure an Reply.

Address DR. J. CLEGG.
Of the Baltimore Lock Hospital.
89 & 91 S. High st., Baltimore, Md.

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NEW GOODS

—AT THE—

VARIETY STORE.

I HAVE just received my stock of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of

DRY GOODS	GROCERIES	CARPETS
CASSIMERES	M' LASSE',	THREE PLY,
DRESS GOODS,	SYRUPS,	INGRAIN,
CALICOES,	SUGARS	HEMP,
SHAWLS,	COFFEES,	HOME MADE
BLANKETS, &C.	TEAS &C.	OIL CLOTHS

A full line of Brigham's hand-made Boots and Shoes, Ladies' and Children's city made work, Shoe Findings, French Calf Skins, Kip, Upper and Sole Leather, Lining and Topping Skins, Looking Glasses, Window Glass and Putty.

My stock has been bought exclusively for cash, and will be sold at prices that will defy competition. All goods guaranteed as represented.

sept13'77 HENRY SHACKLETT.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

D. M. SWITZER & SON give notice that they cannot live or meet their obligations with promises, therefore intend to sell goods for CASH or its equivalent, so as to make it to the interest of the buyer, as well as the seller, to buy at very short profits. We have quit selling on thirty days and waiting twelve months. Come and see our prices and goods.

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ATTENTION!

THE attention of the Farmers of Rockingham county is called to the fact that we pay the highest cash prices for

FLOUR,
WHEAT,
BACON,
OATS,
RYE,
LARD,

and can supply them with

PLASTER,

SALT, LAKE AND POTOMAC HERRING

at the lowest cash prices.

SIBERT & MOFFETT.

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NOTICE.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Harrisonburg and Rockingham county that he has opened an office as general collector of notes, accounts, &c., and promises to use due diligence in collecting any claims entrusted to him. Returns promptly made. Office in the room occupied by the Sheriff of the Court House for the present.

Respectfully, W. W. MARTZ.

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R. JAMES CLEGG, twenty years experience in Female Diseases, Irregularities, Ovarian Tumors, Guarantees satisfaction or no charge. Business confidential. Patients furnished with board if required. Address, 89 & 91 S. High Street, Baltimore, Md.

NEWMENT.—70 Barrels Round Top Cem ent for sale by TREIBER &

TUTT'S PILLS

A Noted Divine says

They are worth their weight in gold.

READ WHAT HE SAYS:

DR. TUTT:—Dear Sir: For ten years I have been severely afflicted with Dyspepsia, Constipation, and Piles. Last spring your pills were recommended to me; I used them (but with little faith). I am now a well man, have good appetite, digestion perfect, regular stools, piles gone, and I have gained forty pounds solid flesh. They are worth their weight in gold.

REV. R. L. SIMPSON, Louisville, Ky.

TUTT'S PILLS CURE SICK HEADACHE.
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TUTT'S PILLS CURE CONSTIPATION
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TUTT'S PILLS CURE KIDNEY COMPLAINT.
TUTT'S PILLS CURE TORPID LIVER.

Dr. Tutt has been engaged in the practice of medicine thirty years, and for a long time was demonstrator of anatomy in the Medical College of Georgia, hence persons using his Pills have the guarantee that they are prepared on scientific principles, and are free from all quackery.

He has succeeded in combining in them the heretofore antagonistic qualities of a *strengthening, purgative, and purifying tonic.*

Their first apparent effect is to increase the appetite by causing the food to properly assimilate. Thus the system is nourished, and by their tonic action on the digestive organs, regular and healthy evacuations are produced.

The rapidity with which *persons take on flesh,* while under the influence of these pills, of itself indicates their adaptability to nourish the body, and hence their efficacy in curing nervous debility, nervousness, dyspepsia, wasting of the muscles, sluggishness of the liver, chronic constipation, and imparting health and strength to the system. Sold everywhere. Office, 35 Murray Street, New York.

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Gray Hair can be changed to a glossy black by a single application of Dr. TUTT'S Hair Dye. It acts like magic, and is warranted as harmless as water. Price $1.00. Office 35 Murray St., N. Y.

WHAT IS QUEEN'S DELIGHT?

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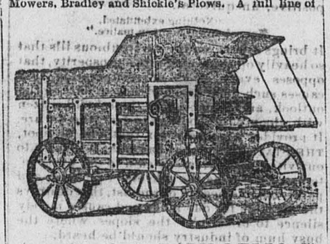

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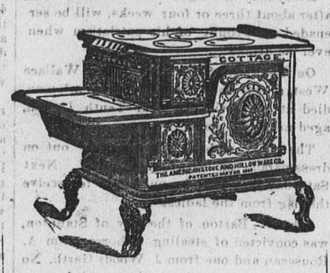

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